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Ted McGinley (born May 30, 1958)[1] is an American actor. He is known for his roles as Jefferson D'Arcy on the television sitcom *Married... with Children* and as Charley Shanowski on the ABC sitcom *Hope & Faith*. He was a late regular on *Happy Days*, *Dynasty* and *The Love Boat* and is known for playing the villainous role of Stan Gable in the film *Revenge of the Nerds* and several made-for-television sequels.

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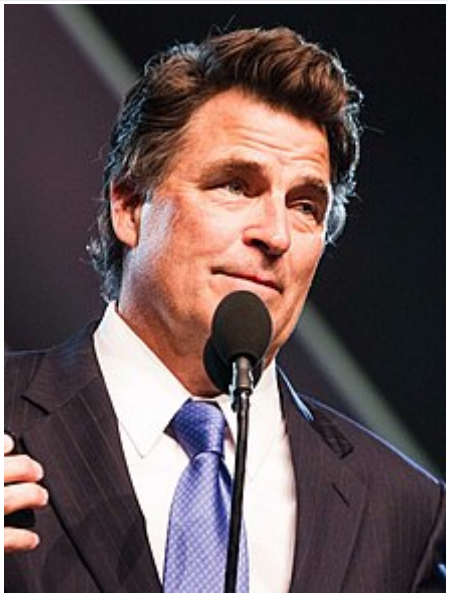

McGinley in 2016

Born	May 30, 1958
Education	University of Southern California (withdrawn)
Occupation	Actor
Years active	1980–present
Known for	*Married... with Children* *Hope & Faith* *Happy Days* *The Love Boat*
Spouse	Gigi Rice (m. 1991)
Children	2

Early life

McGinley grew up in Newport Beach, California. His paternal grandfather was an Irish immigrant.[2] At Newport Harbor High School,[3] he focused on athletics and swimming and was a star player on the water polo team. He also worked as a lifeguard at the beach during summers. After graduation, McGinley attended USC on a water polo scholarship, majoring in urban planning and real estate.

At USC, McGinley was captain and two-time MVP of the water polo team as well as a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.[4] However, in his sophomore year, following recommendation from his girlfriend, McGinley began modeling as a way to break into the acting scene. With his scholarship not renewed, he left USC and moved to New York in 1979.[5]

Career

After a casting director spotted a picture of him in *GQ*,[6] McGinley was cast on the comedy series *Happy Days* as Roger Phillips (nephew of the Cunninghams), a role he played from 1980 to 1984. During the run of *Happy Days*, he landed a role in the comedy film *Young Doctors in Love* (1982).[6]

After *Happy Days* ended in 1984, McGinley appeared in *Revenge of the Nerds* where he played Stanley Gable, the head of the jock-run Alpha Beta fraternity and the primary antagonist of the Lambda Lambda Lambda nerd fraternity; he reprised the role in the third and fourth films in the "Nerds" franchise, both produced for television. He went on to appear in regular roles on television series including *The Love Boat* and *Dynasty*.[7] He then played the role of Al Bundy's best friend Jefferson D'Arcy on *Married... with Children* from 1991 to 1997, describing it as a "great, great gig."[8] He had recurring roles on Aaron Sorkin's television series *Sports Night* as Dana's boyfriend Gordon, and *The West Wing* as a television news anchor. From 2003 to 2006, he played Charley Shanowski on *Hope & Faith*.[8]

Two years later, he was selected for a role in *Charlie Lawrence*, a situation comedy about a freshman congressman from New Mexico, played by Nathan Lane. McGinley played Graydon Ford, the neighbor of Lane's title character, who was a member of the opposing political party. McGinley was also in the pilot for the 2002 CBS show *Life of the Party*, playing a senator.

His guest star roles include series such as *Fantasy Island* (1982), *Hotel* (1985–87), *Perfect Strangers* (1988), *B.L. Stryker* (1989), *Evening Shade* (1990), *Dream On* (1991), *The John Larroquette Show* (1995–96; 1997–1998), *The Practice* (2001), and *Justice League* (2002).

During and shortly after the run of *Married … With Children*, McGinley was a part of many films and television films, playing different types of characters. In 1993, he played Mr. Scream in *Wayne's World 2*. That same year, McGinley affected a Southern accent in his role in the miniseries *Wild Justice*, which was poorly received by critics. Some of his television film roles were very dark. In 1996, he was the star of *Deadly Web*, a film that aired on NBC in 1996 and co–starred his wife, Gigi Rice. The film was about a woman who was stalked on the Internet. McGinley played one of his darkest roles in 1998 in the television film *Every Mother's Worst Fear*. He played Mitch Carson, a sexual predator who lures a teenage girl into his house, where he holds her captive and tortures her.[4]

In 2008, McGinley became a contestant on the seventh season of *Dancing with the Stars*, and was paired with pro dancer Inna Brayer. He was the second contestant to be eliminated in the competition.

"Jumping the Shark"

McGinley was called "the patron saint of shark-jumping" by jumptheshark.com founder Jon Hein. This is a reference to the popular and enduring shows which have featured him in their latter years, often to replace a departing regular cast member.[9] Hein writes that this is not a comment "on Ted's fine acting skills" and that "he has a great sense of humor about it, too."[10] In one episode of *Married... with Children*, McGinley himself spoofed his reputation by asking Al Bundy, "Another picture, Captain? I mean, Fonzie? ....Al?" In 2003, McGinley told Melanie McFarland of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, "I've had a lot of fun with it. To be honest with you, it's meant people are still talking about me. It's kind of doing me a favor. And people keep hiring me, so I know that I'm okay, jumping the shark."[7][4]

In 2011, McGinley again made fun of his "shark-jumping" abilities in "Mitefall!", the final episode of *Batman: The Brave and the Bold*. In the episode, Bat-Mite (voiced by Paul Reubens) wants the show to be cancelled to usher in a new TV show called *Beware the Batman*. To that end, he starts replacing aspects of the show, including switching Aquaman's regular voice actor, John DiMaggio, with McGinley. Ambush Bug (voiced by McGinley's *Happy Days* co-star Henry Winkler) helps to reverse the situation, in part by getting McGinley to break character and leave, forcing DiMaggio's voice back into Aquaman.

Personal life

McGinley married actress Gigi Rice in 1991 and they have two sons, Beau (born 1994) and Quinn.[7] They reside in Los Angeles.[11]

Filmography

Film

Year	Film	Role	Notes
1982	*Young Doctors in Love*	Dr. Bucky DeVol	
1984	*Revenge of the Nerds*	Stanley Harvey "Stan" Gable	
1989	*Troop Beverly Hills*	Himself	
1989	*Physical Evidence*	Kyle DE Roache	
1991	*Blue Tornado*	Phillip	
1992	*Space Case*	Biff	Alternative title: *Alien Invasion*
1993	*Wayne's World 2*	Mr. Scream	
1998	*Follow Your Heart*	James Allen Bailey	
1998	*Major League: Back to the Minors*	Leonard Huff	Alternative title: *Major League III*
1999	*Dick*	Roderick	
1999	*The Big Tease*	Johnny Darjerling	
2000	*Face the Music*	Marcus	
2000	*Daybreak*	Dillon Johansen	Alternative title: *Rapid Transit*
2001	*Cahoots*	Brad	
2001	*Pearl Harbor*	Army major	
2007	*The Storm Awaits*	Vale NewCastle	
2008	*Eavesdrop*	Grant	
2000	*Privileged*	Mr. Webber	
2010	*Christmas with a Capital C*	Dan Reed	
2010	*Scooby-Doo! Curse of the Lake Monster*	Thornton Blake V (Uncle Thorny)	Voice
2013	*Bad Behavior*	Bruce	
2014	*Reedemed*	Paul Tyson	
2015	*Do You Believe?*	Matthew	
2015	*Underdog Kids*	Barry Hershfeld	
2016	*Expendable Assets*	Carter	
2017	*Area of Conflict*	Carter	
2017	*The Outcasts*	Principal Whitmore	
2018	*A.X.L.*	George Fontaine	
2018	*God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkness*	Thomas Ellsworth	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
1980–1984	*Happy Days*	Roger Phillips	61 episodes
1982	*Fantasy Island*	Errol Brookfield III	Episode: "The Kleptomaniac/Thank God, I'm a Country Girl"
1983	*Making of a Male Model*	Gary Angelo	Television film
1983–1987	*The Love Boat*	Photographer Ashley "Ace" Covington Evans	60 episodes
1985–1987	*Hotel*	Kyle Stanton	3 episodes
1986–1987	*Dynasty*	Clay Fallmont	34 episodes
1988	*Perfect Strangers*	Billy Appleton	Episode: "My Brother, Myself"
1989	*B.L. Stryker*	Mitch Slade	2 episodes
1989–1997	*Married... with Children*	Jefferson D'Arcy, Norman Jablonsky, Prince Paco	167 episodes
1990	*Evening Shade*	Kyle Hampton	Episode: "The Moustache Show"
1991	*Baby Talk*	Craig Palmer	Episode: "Baby Love"
1992	*Revenge of the Nerds III: The Next Generation*	Dean Stanley Harvey "Stan" Gable	Television film
1993	*Wild Justice*	Aubrey Billings	Television film
1993	*Linda*	Brandon "Jeff" Jeffries	Television film
1994	*Revenge of the Nerds IV: Nerds in Love*	Stanley Harvey "Stan" Gable	Television film
1995	*Dream On*	Chad Spencer	Episode: "Long Distance Runaround"
1995	*Tails You Live, Heads You're Dead*	Jeffrey Quint	Television film
1995–1996	*The John Larroquette Show*	Karl Reese	4 episodes
1996	*Deadly Web*	Peter Lawrence	Television film
1998	*Every Mother's Worst Fear*	Scanman	Television film
1998–1999	*Sports Night*	Gordon	8 episodes
1999	*Work with Me*	Murray Epstein	Episode: "Pilot"
1999	*Hard Time: Hostage Hotel*	FBI Agent Hopkins	Television film
2000–2001	*The West Wing*	Mark Gottfried	3 episodes
2001	*The Practice*	Michael Hale	Episode: "Awakenings"
2002	*Wednesday 9:30 (8:30 Central)*	Ted Wayne Giblen	1 episode
2002–2003	*Justice League*	Tom Turbine, Burns	Voice, 3 episodes[12]

2003	*Frozen Impact*	Dan Blanchard	Television film
2003	*Charlie Lawrence*	Graydon Ford	7 episodes
2003	*The Proud Family*	Lance McDougal	Voice, episode: "Smackmania 6: Mongo vs. Mama's Boy"
2003–2006	*Hope & Faith*	Dr. Charley Shanowski	73 episodes
2004	*NTSB: The Crash of Flight 323*	Reese Faulkner	Television film
2007	*Family Guy*	Helicopter Rental Agent	Voice, episode: "Road to Rupert"
2007	*'Til Death*	Webby	Episode: "Webby's Not Happy"
2007	*The Note*	Kingston "King" Danville	Television film
2008	*Dancing with the Stars*	Himself (contestant)	2 episodes
2009	*Psych*	Randy Labayda	Episode: "Six Feet Under the Sea"
2009	*The Note II: Taking a Chance on Love*	Kingston "King" Danville	Television film
2010	*Wizards of Waverly Place*	Superintendent Clanton	Episode: "Western Show"
2010	*Melissa & Joey*	Mayor	Episode: "In Lennox We Trust"
2011	*Breaking In*	Larry	Episode: "White on White on White"
2011	*Batman: The Brave and the Bold*	Himself as Aquaman	Voice, episode: "Mitefall!"[12]
2012	*Notes from the Heart Healer*	Kingston "King" Danville	Television film
2012	*The Mentalist*	Ed Hunt	Episode: "If It Bleeds, It Leads"
2013	*A Mother's Rage*	Stan	Television film
2013	*Mad Men*	Mel	Episode: “To Have and to Hold"
2014	*Castle*	Brock Harmon	Episode: "Last Action Hero"
2015–2017	*Transformers: Robots in Disguise*	Denny Clay, Ship Captain	Voice, 54 episodes[12]
2015	*The Bridge*	Charlie Bartons	Television film
2016	*The Bridge Part 2*		
2016	*No Tomorrow*	Greg Covington	Recurring role
2017	*Fatherly Obsession*	Robert J. Farnsworth	Television film
2018	*The Baxters*	John Baxter	Lead role
2019	*No Good Nick*	Sam	Recurring role
2019	*Christmas Reservations*	Duffy Johnson	Television film
2021	*Keeping Up with the Joneses*[13]	Webb	Recurring role
2023	*Shrinking*	Derek	Recurring role
2023	*Platonic*	Johnny Rev	Episode: “San Diego”

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